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The **MIDWEST MARINER** welcomes all articles on Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary customs, traditions, heritage, history and current events. The right to decline any submission will be based on content. Articles and photos may be sent via email to the editor, **Barbara Rhoades** at: bcrhoades@centurytel.net.

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DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - DV

Desiree Reinken

EDITOR'S NOTE: — Desiree sends articles throughout the three months between newsletters. They are things that are great to include even if they are about previous months. Enjoy all the things she talks about.

Happy 1st Monday in March!

Full Month:

Women's History Month

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Ethnic Equality Month

Gender Equality Month

Greek-American Heritage Month

Irish-American Heritage Month

National Colon Cancer Awareness Month

National Kidney Month

National Multiple Sclerosis Awareness and Education Month

- March 2 – Granting of U.S. Citizenship to Puerto Ricans
- March 8 – Maha Shivarati (Hindu)
- March 8 – International Women's Day
- March 10 – Harriet Tubman's Birthday
- March 10 – Ramadan
- March 14 – Pi π Day
- March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- March 21 – World Down Syndrome Day
- March 24 – Palm Sunday (Christian)
- March 25 – Holi
- March 25 – International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
- March 29– Good Friday (Christian)
- March 31 – International Transgender Day of Visibility
- March 31 – Easter
- March 31 – César Chávez Day

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<https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/recipes/a55502/pub-beer-cheese-recipe/>



[This 6-Ingredient Pub Cheese Is The Easiest Party Dip Ever](https://www.delish.com)

There's nothing you won't want to dip in this.

www.delish.com

<https://www.foodandwine.com/recipes/greek-salad>

<https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/holidays-celebrations/g38748978/st-patricks-day-activities/>

Have a wonderful day.



April showers bring May flowers, right?

Happy April!

Diversity dates:

Deaf History Month

April 2: World Autism Awareness Day

April 6 – Tartan Day- Acknowledges the role that Scottish Americans have made to the nation.

April 10 - International Day of Pink- This worldwide awareness day hopes to educate the general public on the harmful effects of discrimination, bullying, and homophobia.

April 22 – Earth Day

April 22 – 30 – Passover- Passover or Pesach celebrates the freeing of enslaved Israelis.



<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/132724/scottish-butter-tablet/>

Scottish Butter Tablet

This is an amazingly good traditional Scottish confection, like a dulce de leche fudge.

www.allrecipes.com

Sabich Sandwiches

This Iraqi-Israeli sandwich is filled with tender eggplant, potato, egg, hummus and pickles. www.foodandwine.com

<https://www.foodandwine.com/recipes/israeli-roast-eggplant-hummus-and-pickle-sandwiches>.



Solar eclipse activities:

<https://www.exploratorium.edu/eclipse/activities>

Have a wonderful day.

Happy May!

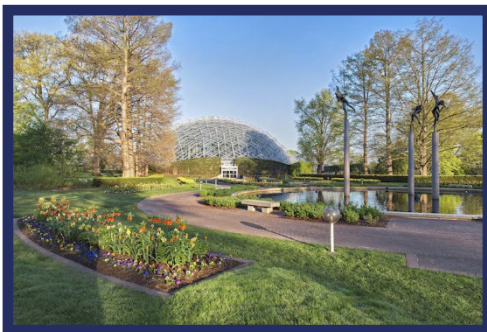
This year is flying by!

MONTH-LONG OBSERVANCES:

ALS Awareness Month
Haitian Heritage Month
Indian Heritage Month
Jewish-American Heritage Month
Mental Health Awareness Month
National Asian American and South Pacific Islander Heritage Month
Older Americans Month
South Asian American Heritage Month

IMPORTANT MAY DE&I CALENDAR DATES:

May 5 – Cinco de Mayo
May 5 – Yom Hashoah (Jewish)
May 12 – Mother’s Day
May 17 – International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
May 19 – Malcolm X Day (USA)
May 20 – Victoria Day (Canada)
May 20 – International Human Resources Day
May 21 – World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
May 23 – Declaration of the Bab (Baha’i)
May 26 – Arbor Day
May 29 – Ascension of Baha’u’llah (Baha’i)
May 27 – Memorial Day



For those close enough to STL, here are some fun Memorial Day activities: <https://explorestlouis.com/whats-new/memorial-day-weekend-in-st-louis/>

Memorial Day Weekend in St. Louis | Explore St. Louis
Ready to celebrate the kickoff to summer? Memorial Day weekend is May 28 to 31 this year, and St. Louis has lots of things to do over the extended

[explorestlouis.com](https://www.explorestlouis.com)

<https://www.thespruceeats.com/crab-rangoon-dip-4588051>

[Super Easy Crab Rangoon Dip](https://www.thespruceeats.com/crab-rangoon-dip-4588051)

Make this delicious, creamy crab rangoon dip for your next potluck. It has all the flavor of the fried appetizer and is so much easier to prepare.

www.thespruceeats.com

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<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/vanilla-cinnamon-kissed-apple-latkes/>



Vanilla & Cinnamon-Kissed Apple Latkes

Latkes are crispy fried pancakes, often made with potatoes. But this sweet version with apples, orange juice, cinnamon and vanilla falls in the dessert realm. —Candy McMenam, Lexington, South Carolina

www.tasteofhome.com



<https://www.indianhealthyrecipes.com/tandoori-chicken-recipe/>
[Tandoori Chicken Recipe - Swasthi's Recipes](#)

Tandoori chicken recipe - learn to make the best Indian restaurant style stunning grilled chicken tandoori recipe. Served with mint raita

www.indianhealthyrecipes.com

Have a wonderful day.



DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - FN

Tom Phipps

FINANCES

Now that the audits of financial units are complete, the Form 7025s have been sent up the chain to the Director of Auxiliary and the budgets have been approved, the Finance Officer's main job is to record the financial transactions and to keep the records of the Auxiliary unit. The Auxiliary Unit Accounting System is used to record transactions and maintain the financial records of the unit. Deposits and disbursements should be entered promptly to keep the records up to date and to make preparation of the next 7025 report easier.



The Finance Officer will report the results of the finance activities at the monthly or other meeting of the unit. The officer will bring the bank statements of the unit to the meeting to verify the entries in the accounting system and to answer any questions from the members.

Answers to questions about financial procedures are provided in the Auxiliary Manual, Section-N. The Auxiliary Division Procedures Guide contains information on financial requirements such as budgeting and financial reports and the Audit Committee Guide provides helpful information on the audit process and what information the Finance officer should make available to the Audit Committee.

DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - IS

Barbara Rhoades

Paperwork! The word brings chills to some and dread to others. BUT, like all groups, it is a necessary evil.



Getting your hours to the IS officer can happen in different ways. The tried and true Coast Guard forms are available and we have been using them for many years. More recently, I have created a “non-Coast Guard” form that is a simple spreadsheet for writing down hours. You don’t need to decide which of the regular CG form you need to use. You only have to record the hours and what you did.

Either form works for me so which one works for you? The CG forms are found online at <https://forms.cgaux.org/forms1.php> form .pdf forms and <https://forms.cgaux.org/email1.php> for e-forms. If you would rather have a general spreadsheet, email me and I will be happy to send you a copy.

DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - MT

Marilyn Aten

Division 3 at 8WR Spring D-Train

Division 3 was once again the Host Division for the 8WR Spring D-Train recently held in St. Louis at the Marriott Airport Hotel. Ninety members attended from the district’s 16 states.

Fourteen Division 3 members were able to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in 27 different training classes.

Several of our members helped Debby Howard as chair person for Friday Night Fun Night. They had goodie bags filled with fun items to play with including balsa airplanes to fly in the hallway.



Some attendees were decked out in costumes reminiscence of the TV show Gilligan’s Island. So, it made for a festive evening.

Attending from Division 3 were DCOS Bob Arisman and DCAPT-E Diana Arisman plus DCDR Larry Linnemeyer, Debby Howard, Larry Miller, Daniel Gil, Dave Kingsbury, Joe White, Jeff Blair, Tom Phipps, Jeff Angus, Marilyn Aten, Barbara Rhoades and Rob Wurst.

**“If we knew what it was we were doing,
it would not be called research, would it?”**

Albert Einstein

Division 3 Members Honored By Marilyn Aten

The "Picnic Quilts" that Barbara Rhoades makes from discarded uniforms from the PDCA Used Uniform Store to honor Veterans, were once again presented at the 8WR Spring D-Train this April in St. Louis.

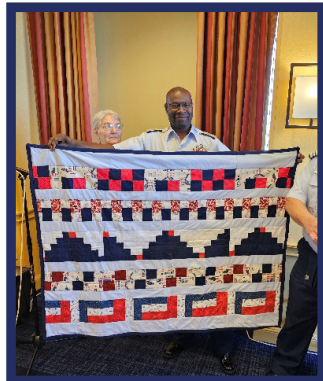
Two members of Division 3 were honored with a quilt. Joe White from Flotilla 3-10 and Dave Kingsbury from Flotilla 3-6 each received a quilt. Joe White was in the National Guard and Dave Kingsbury was in the U. S. Army.

Other quilts were presented to 8WR members including Simon Fink FL 2-2 U.S. Army; Kay Bauer, FL 11-1, U.S. Navy; Marion Byerson FL 2-05 National Guard; and Randy Evans, FL 33-3, U.S Coast Guard.

Congratulations to all and Thank You for your service.



Pam Harris-Flight Nurse



Marion Byerson



Kay Bauer



Randy Evans



Joe White



Simon Fink

DEFINITION

A Picnic Quilt is one that is used, not just displayed. All the quilts are machine washable and dryable.



David Kingsbury

DIVISION STAFF OFFICER - PB

Barbara Rhoades

It is becoming harder and harder to get articles for the Midwest Mariner. As of 1 May, I have only four articles, two of which are mine.



I send reminders 30 days out, 15 days out and a day or two before the deadline. Still I end not having the articles until I send a “late” reminder. What is the solution? If you have one, let me know.

This time of year, there should be lots of things to write about. We are going into boating season, vessel exam stations are being set up, classes are being taught. D-Train just happened. New members are coming into our flotillas. Those items alone should provide lots of ideas of what to write about.

So, sit down to your computer and put your thoughts into type. Send it along to me so I can include it in the next issue of Midwest Mariner.



Merriam-Webster

deadline | noun |

a line drawn within or around a prison that a prisoner passes at the risk of being shot.

While the article deadline for the Wing Dam and Midwest Mariner doesn't come with the true definition, your articles are still wanted for inclusion!

L2 Auxiliary Leadership Link

The Digest of Activity of the Coast Guard Auxiliary

To: All Auxiliarists

Dated: 10 March 2024



Whistle and Paddle Tip Reflector Kits Available

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Association and the Recreational Boating Safety Outreach Directorate have received a grant to buy whistles and paddle tip reflectors for outreach to canoe, kayak, and stand-up paddleboard (SUP) enthusiasts. These items will soon be available through the Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC). Because they are grant-funded, their use must be tracked. To ensure effective tracking, requests for whistles and paddle tip reflectors must be submitted through the Google Form (<https://forms.gle/9EiRMFuf1i7JqXDX6>). Once received, requests will be sent to ANSC for distribution. If you have any questions regarding the whistles and reflectors kits, you can submit them through this form.

The SOP for the whistle and paddle tip reflector kit distribution can be found on the B Directorate website (<https://bdept.cgaux.org>) or here: Whistle and Paddle Reflector Kit Distribution Standard Operating Procedure 2024 (Reflector and Whistle SOP 04 JAN 23.pdf).

Gloria Tobin has crossed the bar. Her daughter, Denise Becker, wrote the following note about her mom. She was sent the information on Gloria's work, copied from Auxdata.



Photo dates from Gloria's time as a DSO. Photo courtesy of Barbara Rhoades

Dear Marilyn,

Words fail to express my gratitude for such a well prepared and succinct record of my mother's history with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Thank you. You'll find the finalized obit in today's (Thursday, May 2, 2024) St. Louis Post Dispatch.

I want to take a moment to add a personal note about my reaction upon reading your summary of my mother's accomplishments. Through the years, I have helped her with some of her many projects and documents, which included the print layout of the Memorial Service guidelines, mock-ups of her designs for the new women's Coast Guard uniforms to photographing pageant competitors. However, it wasn't until now that I understood the true breadth of her commitment.

Your listing ignited in me an appreciation of her dedication, tenacity and desire to serve for which I did not adequately offer praise during her lifetime. It left me feeling apologetic and reduced to tears for not having told her how very, very proud of her I am.

And to you and everyone in the Auxiliary that, likewise, give your utmost devotion to such a noble effort in patriotic service to our country, but go without adequate praise and expressed gratitude. THANK YOU with all of my heart.

You are golden threads that contribute to the fabric that makes our country great. I hope that one day our citizens will fully understand the contributions you make.

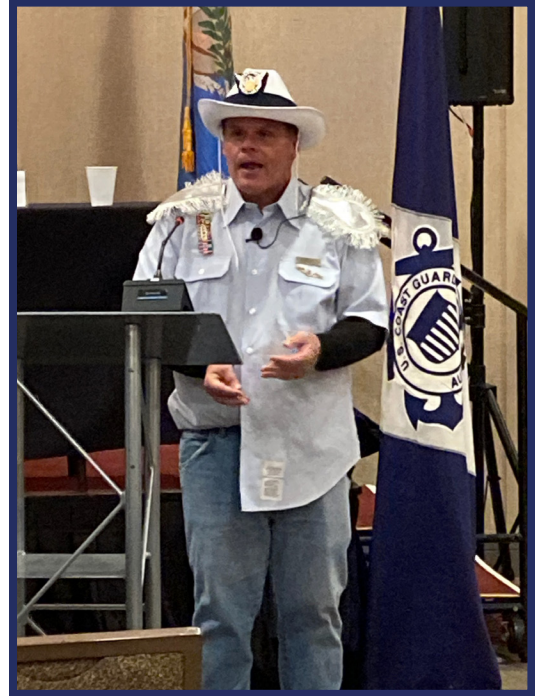
I am so very proud of my mother and of all of you....the active, contributing members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. I will always sing your praises.

With Love,
Denise Becker
(Proud daughter of Gloria Tobin)

Photo Gallery of Auxiliary Activities



All Hands Meeting at D-Train



Chris Ware giving Uniform Inspection talk.



Rob Wurst and Larry Miller from FL 34 get a uniform inspection from OTO Dan Garver at D-Train. Photo by Marilyn Aten.



FC Dave Kingsbury and CWO-3 Andrew Vetter discuss UPV training at 8WR D-Train in St. Louis. Photo by Marilyn Aten